MAN ROBBED ON STREET

William Barber Held Up at FRENCH-VENEZUELAN Midnight.

POLICE MAKE A SEARCH

Displayed Small "Roll" in Saloons an and Was Followed-Knocked Dow in Sixth Street and His Money Taken.

Ringing out upon the still, damp air, reverberating in space and noticeable above the din and noise of the street cars and passing traffic, cries of "Murder! Murder! Murder!" last night about 12 o'clock, interrupted the peace and quiethe Second Police District, leadin the house to believe that s ning enacted within hailing dis-

estigation revealed that, while no cor fatal cutting scrape had oc-d, a cleverly planned and during ty had been executed almost with

Milling or fatal cutting scrape had occurred, a cleverly planned and during robbery had been executed almost within a stone's throw of the station, by which William Barbee, a negro, was sobbed of nearly ten dollars, the crime being committed almost in front of a well known saloon and under the glare of a glittering electric lamp. The perpetrators escaped arrest.

The cries of murder were heard just before the clock in the station tapped the hour of midnight. Clear and distinct they aroused every man in the place, and in less time than it takes to tell Patrolman Sheppard was dashing towards the place whenge the sounds came. He had barely crossed Murshall Street, when Officer Toler called from the mouth of Pink Alley, telling his fellow-officer to guard the Marshall-Street entrance to and exit from the passageway. He evidently thought the robber was using this avenue of escape.

Nothing resulted from this effort on the part of the officer, and a search of the alley in the meantime had proven equally as fruitless. The guilty parties had flown and naught remained to remind one of the daring hold-up, except Barbee himself.

From facts ascertained, it seems that Barbee, who works hard jusually, imbited a little last night, having been paid off earlier in the day. He displayed his "bank roll" with pride about a number of "hangers on."

Shortly before midnight he started to his home on Boyd Street, but intended stopping by the Second Market, regardless of the hour, to purchase some pork chops. He was followed in Sixth Street by three or four saloon acquaintances, and at the mouth of Plak Alley some one handed him a stiff joit on the jaw. This uppet him and he tumbled to the side-well welling "Murder" at the top of

and at the mouth of Plak Alley some one handed him a stiff joit on the jaw. This upset him and he tumbled to the sidewalk, yelling "Murder" at the top of his voice. He was kicked a time or two, while one of the men removed the money from his pocket. This amounted to between nine and ten dollars.

The gobbers fied, one going through Pink Alley. Barbee continued to holler, and he attracted both Patrolman Toler, who was on Broad Street, and Officer Sheppard, who was acting house man for the night. As stated, nothing came of the search, for the culprits and Barbee went home much wiser and somewhat soberer.

FAT WOMAN WEDGED IN SCUTTLE TO ROOF

NEW YORK, February 27.-Captali Gorman, and a number of policemen to Gorman, and a number of policemen tonight raided an alleged women's poolroom in the rear of a saloon on West
Eighth Street, near Sixth Avenue. There
were about twenty women in the place
at the time, and they were thrown into
a panic. There is a Raines law hotel over
the saloon and several of the women
sought to escape in that way. They went
into the rooms and hid under beds, and
one very stout woman tried to get
through the scuttle leading to the roof.
She became wedged in the aperture and
her screams for help botrayed her hiding
place.

The evidence, on which the warrants were issued was secured by one of the city's police matrons, who says she placed bets in the room.

SIERRA, DEFEATED, FLED AFTER TOTAL DEFEAT

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., February 27.—
A cablegram received at the Navy Department to-day from Admiral Glass, lated yesterday aboard the New York, announced the arrival of his flagship and the Boston and Marblehead at La Union, salvador, yesterday, He said that communication by telegraph with Amapala was interrupted, and reported further as follows:
"Battlie on the mainland on February 22d has taken place, resulting in the to-

"Battle on the mainland on February 2d has taken place, resulting in the total defeat of Sierra, who escaped with three or four hundred men. Bonilla in pursuit. Capital is in the possession of latter's adherents; fighting supposed practically over. All quiet here. The American interests undisturbed,"

CABINET DISCUSSES PENDING LEGISLATION

(By Associated Press,) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27,—To-

washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—Toany's Cabinet meeting was comparatively
brief, insting only about an hour. The
discussion revolved principally about
pending legislation in Congress. Little
hope is felt among members of the Cabinet that the Cuban reciprocity and
Panama Canal treaties will be ratified
by the Senate at the present session, and
each day's delay in acting upon them is
increasing the probability of an extraordinary session of the Senate.

The President has reiterated his determination to call a special session of
the Senate in the event of failure of
either one, or both, of the treaties. So
far as can be ascertained, the President
has not determined upon any date for
the opening of the extra session, if one
should be called, but it is regarded as
likely that it will be practically right
after the close of the present session.

PROTOCOL IS SIGNED

(Bs Associated Press.)
(VASHINGTON, D. C., February 27.—
J. J. Jusserand, the French Ambassador, J. J. Jusserand, the French Ambassador, and Herbert W. Bowen, the Venezuela plenipotentiary, signed a protocol this afternoon for the settlement of the French claims, against Venezuela by a joint commission, to meet at Caracus, and for the reference to The Hague Tribunal of the contention of the Alled Powers for preferential treatment in the adjustment of their demands.

The French protocol, which is the sixth convention Mr. Bowen has signed, is identical, save as to parties, with that of the United States recently signed by Secretary Hay and Mr. Bowen.

CREW OF BRIGANTINE ATTACK CHIEF OFFICERS

(By Associated Press.) HAVANA, February 27.—The crew of the British brigantine Persia, of Windsor, N. S., which has arrived from Hantsport, N. S., at Bahla Honda, mutinled toport, N. S., at Bahia Honda, muthiled to-day and attacked her captain, M. B. Cogswell, and the mate, Peter Pobleau, both Nova Scotlans. The mate was so budly shashed in the abdomen that he is not expected to live. Captain Cogswell was badly cut and brulsed. The port po-lice boarded the vessel and arrested the three ring-leaders.

TO ERECT STATUES TO **PULASKI AND VON STEUBEN**

dent Roosevelt to-day signed a bill for the erection in this city of statues to the memory of Brigadier-General Count Pu-laski and Major-General Baron Von Steuben, both of the Continental army. The measure appropriates \$50,000 for each

MISSISSIPPI HIGH

At and Below Memphis it Stretches Over Miles of Low Lands.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
MEMPHIS, TENN., February 27.—The MEMPHIS, TENN., February 27.—The Mississippi River at this point is above the danger line, and a serious overflow is threatened. The reports to-night show a rise of two-tenths on the Memphis guage, making the stage of water he?c. 33.6. Already the lowlands are begining to get the full effects of the overflow, and the railroads entering the city are keeping a sharp lookout for their tracks in the bottoms.

gns of weakening in some ots report that down the river land is wery low are miles of t Memphis the Mississippi is lie wide and across on the side the water stretches far I many houses and cabins are

MONTAGUE TO BE **GUEST OF HONOR**

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The college fraternity of Beta Theta Pi will give a banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria on March 20th, to three of its leading members—Governor B. Odell, Jr., of New York; Governor John L. Bates, of Massachusetts, and Governor Andrew J. Montague, of Virginia.

Pope Received Congratulations.

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(Ry Associated Press.)

ROME, February 27.—Notwithstanding a severe cold which affected his voice, the Pope to-day received the diplomats who congratulated him upon his jubilee. Dr. Lapponi was opposed to the Pope's participation in the ceremony, but all the efforts to husband the pontiff's strength are rendered difficult by his determination to do everything possible and to see every one.

every one.

The diplomats who were received in audience noticed the Pope's hoarseness, and also that he occasionally coughed slightly, but on the whole he appeared to be enjoying about his usual health.

(By Associated Press.)
COLIMA, MEX., February 27.—The vol-

when great quantities poured down the sides of the volcano.

Earthquakes are reported at Aculpoco. Moxico, Chil Plango and Aguas Blancas. There is no alarm in this city over the activity of the volcano.

Forbes Defeats Tokell.

DETROIT, MICH., rebruary 27.—England tried for another championship tonight and scored another defeat. Her champion bantan-weight Andy Tokeli was batten cleanly and decisively by Harry Forbes, the champion bantam-weight of the world.

General Gordon Much Better.

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(By Associated Press.)

JACKSON, MISS. February 27.—General

J. B. Gordon, commander-in-chief of the
United Confederate Veterans, who was
taken violently ill on a Queen and Crescent train last night, en route to this
city, was reported to be very much better to-day, It is not thought that his
condition is at all serious.

SHE WANTED HER SHARE OF MONEY

Negro Woman Writes to Bank for Pension Under the Hanna Bill,

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BINGHAMTON, N. Y., February 27 —
President Charles Gennett, of the Bingfrom Anna Harris, of No. 30 Morris Street, Hackensack, N. J., asking him to forward to her mother the amount due

GOVERNMENT

DEPOSITORIES

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 27.—
Representative Payne, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, lo-day introduced in the House a bill Slav with slaves, and wanted her share actually included in the House a bill Slav with slaves, and wanted her share actually included in the House a bill Slav with slaves, and wanted her share actually included in the House a bill Slav with slaves, and wanted her share actually included in the House a bill Slav with slaves, and wanted her share actually included in the House a bill Slav with slaves, and wanted her share actually included in the House a bill Slav with slaves, and wanted her share actually included in the House actually included

ONE LIFE LOST IN FIERCE FIRE

Burbank Block, in Lowell, Mass., Is Partially Destroyed.

ife was lost and six persons suffered severely from burns and smoke at a fire her bicycle, and in so doing was over-

IN STAUNTON.

A Fine Pair of Horses for Stauuton, Fire Fighters.

Fire Fighters.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

STAUNTON, VA., Fob. Zi.—The Fire
Committee of the City Council this week
purchased a fine pair of horses for the
use of the Staunton Fire Department
No. 1. They are blood-bays, and weigh
over 1,400 pounds, being grade percheens.
They are vicious looking animals, and
will doubtiess carry the fire equipments
to perfection. They were purchased
from Mr. C. H. Cohren, of Stuart's
Draft, this county.
One of the largest home-seeking parties that has ever left this section went
west on Tuesday night over the Chesapeake and Ohlo, and will make their future homes in Ohlo and Illinois. They
were mostly from Rockingham county.
Many peculiar things are sent by mail.

ing the mail, they found a cocoanut in its outer covering with no wrapper, the stamp and address of which appeared on the smooth surface of the shell. The cocoanut was mailed at Palm Beach, Fiz., and was addressed to Mrs. J. A. Carter, of this county.

The Beverly Club of this city have elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Marshall Hanger, president; Lewis Harmen, secretary and treasurer; I. Witz. Wilham Pairick, Charles P. East, W. L. Oliver, L. L. Bowman and Sidney Ellerson, Board of Managers.

Mr. Frank Lyttoh, a prominent young

week for Richmond, where he joined a minstrel show.
Messrs. H. W. Rountree, F. D. Mookler and J. E. Putney, of Richmond, were in the city this week.
Mr. Charles E. Borden, general manager of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company of Richmond, Va., is in Staunton inspecting the new plant of that company, now being erected in this city. The many friends of Senator John N. Ople, who is now sick in Richmond are very anxious concerning his condition.
Mr. Charles Cowardin, formerly of the Richmond Dispatch, is now connected with the Staunton Daily News.

SIXTY-SEVEN MILLIONS ON BETTERMENTS

ON BETTERMENTS

(BY Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Feb. 27.—The
Pennsylvania Railway will spend \$67,
600,000 on its lines between Philadelphia
and Pittsburg in the next two or three
years on improvements to promptly and
economically handle the volume of business, and to provide for the increased
traffic for the next few years.

The report shows the gross earnings of
all lines directly operated by the Pennsylvania Railway Company during the
year 1002 were \$112,663,330, and the net
earnings \$37,612,258.

After deducting fixed charges, rentals
extraordinary expenses, etc., there was
a balance of \$12,813,434. A dividend of
6 per cent. to the stockholders left a
balance of \$550,943, which was transferred to the credit of profit and loss
account.

ANTI-ADDICKS FORCE

TRYING TO AGKEE

(By Associated Press.)

DOVER, DEL. February 27.—The regular Republican members have prepared for submission to their Democratic collegues a proposition to the effect that if the Democrats will unite with the regulars in electing a regular Republican to the long term senatorship, the regulars will agree to leave the short term senatorship vacant, and will unite with the Democrats of the Senate in passing the House bill repealing the voters' assistant law.

The Democrats met in caucus to consider the proposition, but reached no conclusion. They will caucus again on Monday and try to reach some definite plan.

FELL TO DEATH IN AN ELEVATOR SHAFT

BALTIMORE, MD., February 27.—
Charles A. Martin, consul of AustriaHungary in this city, well-known as a
society man and a member of the firm
of J. D. Kremmelberg & Co., tobacco exporters, fell down an open elevator shaft
to-day and was instantly killed.
Mr. Martin was married on February
21 to Miss Mary D. Rogers, of Germantown, Pa.

EXPECTS TO PASS OMNIBUS BUILDING BILL

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., February 27.—
Representative Mercer, chairman of the
House Committee on Public Buildings
and Grounds, to-day introduced a bill
for certain public buildings, as amended
by the Committee on Public Buildings
and Grounds, limiting debate to thirty
minutes. Friends of the public building
bill expect to have provision made for
consideration of the measure.

HUMORS OF REPORTING

Queer Errors Made in Proceedings of the British Parliament.

porter. Indeed, when one thinks of the number of slages through which the report of a Parliamentary speech has to pass from the time the words leave the lips of the speaker until they appear in print in the morning paper, the wonder is that the roport so often escapes without any distortion of meaning in the process.

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But even if the reporter has succeeded in getting the words correctly in shorthand on his notebook he may misread them in transcription, for the forms of shorthand are sometimes bowlidering, even to the writer, or he may transcribe them in longhand so vile, or with such plentitude of contractions, that the telegraph clerk cannot be blamed for confusing them in transmission. And even if the report has been plainly written, faulty signaling by careless telegraphists or mechanical or electrical defects in the wires will make a sad mess of it in sending it to newspapers in the provinces.

A tolegraph clerk in forwarding a speech of Mr. Forstor on education to a daily paper in Bradford substituted the word "kid" in the place of "child," trusting that the alteration would be corrected by the operator at the other end of the wire. Imagine the right honorable gentleman's, feelings next morning when he read: "You know of Wordsworth's profound saying: "The kid is father to the man."

"Those are all friends, well known friends," exclaimed Mr. Codden, after citing the names of many authorities in support of the views he was laying before the House, "Thoy are all flends, well known flends," said the newspaper for him. An Irish member, describing one of the processions to the House, was represented as having said: "The people rent the air with ten thousand snouts."—London Tid-Bits.

ONLY MARTINIQUE SURVIVOR

Negro, Just Arrived Here, Was Foun Days in Prison at Time of Eruption.

Days in Prison at Time of Eruption. U
Among the passengers on the steamship Fontabelle, which arrived yesterday
morning from West Indian ports, was
Joseph Sibarace, a negro, who declares
he is the sole survivor of the recent horror in St. Pierre, Martinique. He arrived barefooted, his body mutilated with
many scars. Through an interpreter and
seated in the fontabelle sterage with
a quilt wrapped about his baro feet.
Sibarace, who speaks only the rudest
kind of Preach patols, unfolded his
strange story of four days and nights
of horror in St. Pierro prison, where he
was incarcerated when the volcano
belched forth, four days with molten lava
pouring on him through the windows of
his dungson cell, four days wherein he
tasted neither meat nor drink. He owed
his release "Sous le bon Dlou," to the
good priest. He was one of Father

France he contracted yellow fever and his mind gave way. His brother found him in the hospital and took him away. Sibarace, if his story be true, owed his imprisonment to a brawl in which he stabbed another man, and his incarreation in the dungeon—to which he also attributes his life—to a fight with a fellow prisoner.

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Sibarace is badly disfigured by burns
and scars, his hands are mere claws
gnarled and speckled, and his feet are
sadly torn. He is apparently about twenty-seven years of age and of a low grade
of intelligence. He speaks the native
patois common to Martinique.

Sibarace was taken to Ellis Island,
pending an investigation of his case. The
authorities are doubtful whether to believe his story.—New York Tribune.

AMAZING TO ENGLISHMAN

Girl's Ready Reply Aroused a Fair Suspicion in His Mind.

American girls astonishes me." said the American gris asionishes me," said the Englishman, who was approaching the close of his first month in New York. "Not only do I find that in society the young women have quickness of percep-ton and readiness of repartee, but I have found that in the downtown restaurants, where girls are employed as waitresses, they are extremely handy with their re-toris."

torts."
"Been trying to jolly 'em a bit, eh?" said the college graduate, who was fin-ishing off in Uncle Jim's Wall street

"What led you to think them other-wise?" said the American citizen.
"I did not look for the quality of glib-ness in girls of that class," said the man from London. "In cating places on the to the restaurant every day for months. Here in New York it is vastly different. And they seem to know where you are

And they seem to know where you are from, too."

"I went to my usual restaurant to-day, There was a new girl at my table, and the one who usually waits on me was a sort of assistant head waitress. She came over to the girl at my table before I had a chance to toll what I wanted and said: "Bring the gent a rasher of bacon, two eggs, underdone, a toasted muffin, and tea. Is there anything else, and she looked at me. I said that would be all right, and remarked that the weather was changeable, and what do you think she said?"

was changeable, and what do you think she said?"

"Something equally as bright, I suppose," remarked the college man.

The Englishman eyed him a moment. "I wonder if she was poking fun at me?" he said. "Well, she just answered: "We have so many foreigners in New York we have to have all kinds of weather to suit 'em. This is not our day for English weather, but I hope you won't get tired waiting for your turn."—New York Mail and Express.

DEATHSOF A DAY.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—A dispatch received here to-day from Alken, S. C., announces the death of James McCreery, who was head of the dry goods firm of James McCreery & Co., for many years. He was soventy-seven years of age.

New Bowling Record.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. February 27.—
D. A. Jones, of Milwaukee, broke all bowling records in the national tournament with the score of 222, 248, 203—total, 683. The record last year was 649, made by Fred Strong, of Chicago.

the British Parliament.

The inability to hear distinctly in the reporters' gallery in the House of Commons has been the source of many curious blunders in reporting the speaches of members of Parliament. Not so very long ago, for instance, Sir William Harcour, in the course of a terrific on staught on Mr. Chamberlain, exclaimed; "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!"

Next morning a provincial newspaper improved upon the quotation in this novel fashion: "Great Diana, what a farce this is!"

On a number of occasions classical fluid of the course of sections of the course of a terrific one by one the Christian provinces at such to "Cato and Brutes."

The famous saying of Drummond, the Irish under-secretary, "Property has its dittee as well as its rights," has been igliven as "Prosperty has its duties as well as its rights," has been grived as "Freeziary," property has its duties as well as its rights, has been given as "Prosperty has its duties for which it fights."

These blunders are by no means entirely sue to the carelessness of the re-tired may well pause for a reply.—Bostian in the national tournament with the score of \$232, 243, 203—total, ment with the score of \$232, 24

FIERCE GALE

Telegraphic Communication Seriously Handicapped.

(Br Associated Press.)
LONDON, Feb. 27.—A gale of almost unprecedented violence swept Great Britain all night long and did considerable damage. Telegraphic communi-cation northward of Leeds was entirely interrupted, the continental service was interfered with, and large numbers of ships were forced to seek shelter in the harbors. Many minor wrecks occurre and the lifeboat and rocket apparatuses were busy all along the coasts.

There were several fatalities inland, caused by falling chimneys and flying The wind in the north of England blew with hurricane force. The Lan-cashire mills and churches suffered caster Foot-ball Club was lifted bodily deposited outside the grounds. Great damage is reported from the coas resorts. A newly erected church at Holyhead was lifted from its founda-tions and fell in a heap of ruins.

The Lee Statue

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Editor of The Times-Dispatchi.

Elir.—I have read with very great interest the various articles in your paper, and others, too, for and againgt, the proposition to place a statue of the immortals Lee in the Capitol at Washington. Strong and vigorous and logical views have been expressed in brilliant and convincing style, and anowing myself to be incapable of measuring up to the standard these writers have set, I hesitate to rush into print. However, my feelings on the subject are as intense and as genuine as theirs, and craving a small space in your up-to-date paper, I shall attempt to give them voice.

Since this matter was first mentioned I have made it a point to interview a number of old soldlers in this section, and they, without one single exception, are bitterly orposed to the measure. These men, as a rule, are farmers, who read the papers closely, and have decided opinions on most of the leading questions of the day, though they rarely, if ever, give them public expression. "Soldlers of Lee" they were, following blinding wherever he lod, and worshiping "Marse Bob" as only the common people know how to worship the man who, by an honest devotion to duty and an utter disregard of danger, has sitred their hearts to love and admire. Those men wore all on the field of Appomattox, ready to do whatever their General told them to do. When he ordered them to lay down their arms, they did so without a word, but if he had said the word, they would have followed him into the fastnesses of the Blue Ridge Mountains, fighting every inch of their way, and laying down their arms only with their lives. Receiving from his hand, his last order to the solders of the army of Northern Viginia, they turned their faces Southward, towards the places where their homes had been, yet knowing not whether their loved ones had a shelter about them. Broken in health, many of them with empty sleeves, ragged and foot-sore and weary, they still believed that General Robert E. Lee was the greatest solder and truest gentiema

feat than was Napoleon in an all victories.

They had surrendered, not because they were whipped or had lost faith in the righteousness of their cause, but because Lee had bidden them "stack arms," and it was their duly to obey. They came to devastated homes and empty larders, but bringing with them the consciousness of duty nobly done; and empty larders, but bringing with them the consciousness of duty nobly done; and empty larders, but bringing with them the consciousness of duty nobly done; and further, they brought the remembrance of a leader whose record as a soldier and a man was "without apot or wrinkle," and that memory they will treasure to their dying day handing it down to their sons as their most priceless horitage. In their hands, the honor of the peerless Lee is absolutely safe, for they guard it with the same Jealous care they do the virtue and the chastity of their daughters and their wives. Knowing all this, I sought their views concerning the matter in question, feeling assured they would give them in sincerity and in truth and I am sure they did.

The newspapers of the land, North, East, South and West had told the world what the great men of the land thought—the columns of the press had it literally teamed with the views of the mighty, and, of course, those views carried, and deserved, an immeasurable influence, but somehow, I wanted to know what these old solders thought and folt on ale subject, and so, as I met them casually here and there, I asked their opinions, and I got, too, straight from the shoulder, direct and to the point. Unestitutingly, without a dissenting voice, they expressed themselves as being unalterably opposed to the plan.

I need not state that this opposition They had surrendered, not because they were whipped or had lost faith to

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otice and in the most artistic styles at 16 sets of Waverley to be sold, 12

volumes, silk cloth, were sold as bargains for \$4.89; to-day's price, \$2.25 the

14 sets of Thackeray, 10 volumes each, to be sold for \$2.00 a set.

"Lovey Mary," by the author of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," out to-day, 75c. Other New Books to be found at un-

der prices, just now some \$1.50 ones for 675 Best Cloth-Bound Books, Fiction nd Poetry, publishers' 70c. books, for

PAPER NOVELS, the usual 10c. ones for 5c., and many other special prices to-

Mayodan, N. C., February 18, 1903.

Does Not Agree With Gen. Lee.

Editor of the Times-Dispatch:
Sir.—General Flizhugh Lee used very strong language the other night in Richmond when he declared that rather than admit the Southern Educe were wrong in their effort to make two republics of this country, he would head a mob and destroy the monuments to Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, because they would then cases to represent what they do now.

Is it not possible that our Confederate bivouses and Grand Army camps in their intemperate declarations are repeating the mistake made by extremists in the North and South. Just preceding the ibreaking out of our Civil War?

Do we forget that Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky cast their electoral votes for Bell and Everett in 1800, whose platform declared for the Union, the Constitution and the enforcement of the law? and that the masses of stalwart voters in those States rejected secession as a right, or proper remedy for the threatened evils then confronting us?

Does any sane man believe that if negro slavery had not then existed there would have been any secession or war? Is there any desire for separation now that it is gone?

For fifty years anterior to the formation

have been any secession or war? Is there any desire for separation now that it is gone?

For fifty years anterior to the formation of the Southern Confederacy the very best people in the slave-holding States were consuiting, conferring and discussing, seeking some proper method of getting rid of slavery, which they deemed an evil. Falling to provide any plan for general action, numbers of patriotic and prominent men, notably in Virginia—manumitted their slaves and made the best provision in their power for their welfare. Aye more. When the old "Mother of States and Statesmen" ceded to the General Government all her vast territory which afterward formed so many western States, she stipulated in the deed of cession, that no State, carved out of this territory, should ever be admitted to the Union with slavery. Later, when Indiana tried to get permission to have slavery while yet a territory, John Randelph, of Roanoke, who was chairman of the congressional committee to whom the request was referred, said no!

From this conservative and I think proper position the South was wrenched by the intemperate and extreme demands of the abolitionists on the one side and by our own hot-headed and inflammable politicians on the other. The ball was caught and thrown back and forth from the one side to the other until the passions of men were aroused to a pitch where reason ceased and we were ready to rush at such other throats, did rush with powder and steel for four long years. The Confederate armies were largely made up of these former Union men, because they could not stand by and see the States invaded and their brothers, with whom they differed, shot down by hostile troops. They were prompt to vote for separation, after Lincoln's call for men, but many of the mould have preferred to fight it out in the Union rather than follow another flag.

Many of the survivors, looking back over the years since Appomatics, with out seeking to deny the right of General Fitzhugh Lee and others, who feel and think with him in this matter,

shoulder, direct and to the point. Unhesitatingly, without a dissenting voice, they expressed themselves as being unalterably opposed to the plan.

I need not state that this opposition does not arise from any lukewarmes in the matter of honoring Lee-they standredy to confer upon him the highest read that they opposed themselves as the matter of the north think their products of the status of the stand of the stand by and see they should be honored by placing in the Federal Capitol the status of the stands of the stand of Confederate chileftain. And are they not right? Wherein lies the honor? They seout the idea was the bolonged to the crifer country—they are selfish, wanding him for their very own.

They say his courage as a soldier; his patriotism, his high seuse of right and duty, and hond is nobble, unselfish life of the private clizen and public effect of the private clizen and public effect of the private clizen and public effect in the product of a private clizen and public effect of the private clizen and public effect of

the election of a Southern man to the presidential office! Now, when there is a how! going up from portions at least of the North and West because Virginia proposes to place a statue of her greatest son in the Capitol of this re-united country!

Respectfully,

JAS. FONTAINE MINOR.

Staunton, Va., Feb. 23, 1903.

The Liquur Questions.

A New Light.

A New Light.

(For the Times-Dispatch.)
A brilliant light in the religious sky
Revoals a very serious defect
In certain halls of learning asking why
It comes to pass the dismifled "elect".
One venerable college dominate,
And why the apostolic line control
Two lofty piles belonging to the State,
"Tis vast impertinence for me to roll
My lumbering verse into this great_debate
But may I venture simply to remark.
(Unless indeed I have arrived too late
To light the subject with my feeble
spark)
Of all the world, pray whom should we
expect
To be elected, if not the elect?
For I am told, a simple rustious,
That 'tis the ballot elevates the Doni
And for a truth, no clumsy blunderbus
Should ever sit the sacred chair upon.
Now other creeds the culture may possess,
And the great brain, to mould our rising youth
To noble life, and lofty righteousness,

ing youth
To noble life, and lofty righteousness,
The conscious bloom and ornament of truth, But culture is as wine; 'tis not the

new
That's most to be desired, so I am told,
But that which mellowing through the
misty years
Has slowly grown melificously old,
Strange, is it not, that in this broader

day We should indulge a factionary blame, With jealous care fence off each crede

way,
And find our inspiration in a name?
Not thus shall we be able to inspire
This vital age with passion for the race,
Or kindle in its heart the generous fire
Which leaves to party secondary place,
For if I read the lesson of the times,
Forward the great old world begins to
range;

Forward the great out range;
And human thought is seeking other climes;
An era dawns of universal change.
Old forms are dying with the dying years;
Old pastures wither in the flercer light,
Of newer knowledge, and, despite our feers.

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It is the faster passing of the night. And in this welcome fading of the old. This wide emancigation of the mind, 1'is little inspiration to behold. Creeds and their teachers trailing on behind.
The church of party and of faction des From its old place and power. It is good. Behold, descending from the radiant skies.

skies,
The Church of universal brotherhood!
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